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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE	
Address to: Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Application Number 09/819,923 Attorney Docket Number 10981712-2 Filing Date March 26, 2001 First Named Inventor Caren Examiner Siew, J. Group Art 1656 Title Method of Performing Array-Based Hybridization Assays Using Thermal Inkjet Deposition of Sample Fluids

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the First Office Action dated September 28, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 28, 2001. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Page 1, line 1 immediately beneath the title, please insert the following text:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/300,589 filed on April 27, 1999 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,221,653; the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. -- ..

In the claims:

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22. (Amended) A method for depositing a quantity of fluid containing a nucleic acid, on a substrate surface having a plurality of binding agents stably associated therewith, said method comprising:

positioning a thermal inkjet head filled with said nucleic acid containing

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